Veterinarian

**Job Description:** Diagnose, treat, and help prevent health problems in a variety of animals from family pets to circus elephants.

**What does a Veterinarian do?**

* Treat sick or injured animals by prescribing medication, setting bones, dressing wounds, or performing surgery.
* Vaccinate animals against diseases such as rabies.
* Educate the public about diseases that can be spread from animals to humans.
* Nurse injured wild animals back to health so that they can be re-released into the wild.
* Help a horse deliver a colt if there are complications.
* Advise owners about animal feeding, behavior, and breeding.
* Travel to farms or ranches to provide veterinary services for herds or individual animals.
* Work with physicians and scientists as they research ways to prevent human health problems.

**Outlook: Bright**

Average Salary - $38.71 hourly, $80,510 annual

Projected Job Openings – 30,200 over the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Do you love animals?
* Do you have good communication skills?
* Are you patient when trying to solve problems?
* Is your worked detailed?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Bachelor’s Degree (or minimum amount of required undergraduate credits) followed by a 4-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program.